

# WELLSBERG-RUSSO DE

January

Dear Friends:

Once again the Trial of Anthony Russo and Danie is underway. Jury selection began on January 3rd and arguments are expected this week.

In light of the vital issues at stake in this Trial (some of which are discussed in the attached piece by Wicker), the continuation of the war, the re-election of Richard Nixon and the stepped up attacks by the Executive Branch on freedom of the press and the public's right, the need for public awareness is greater than ever.

Therefore, in order to facilitate broad and effective coverage and to assist those of you who cannot report the Trial directly, we would like to provide you with fast weekly reports on developments in the Trial.


Generally, the reports will contain more material than you can probably use each week. Our purpose is to provide enough information so that you can edit according to your own space and style requirements. Our present plan is to send the reports First Class from Los Angeles each Friday.

In addition, photographs and background material on the Trial and the Pentagon Papers are available on request. From time to time we will also be able to do special feature interviews upon request.

Since we cannot afford to continue mailing large quantities of these reports at random, we would appreciate your forwarding the attached information sheet. Also, if you are able to help us in meeting the costs of preparing and mailing the reports, please send us a check payable to The Pentagon Paper Project. It costs us \$50,000 a month to keep going against the government which is spending over a million of our tax dollars on the war.

In any event, if you do carry any pieces on the Trial on our material or other sources, PLEASE SEND US A CARD. It can be of any other help, please let us know.

Thank you.

Peace & Justice  
  
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